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Professor emeritus Shoichiro Fukao was awarded the Medal with Purple Ribbon by the Japanese government

On 18 November 2008, Professor Emeritus Shoichiro Fukao was awarded the Medal with Purple Ribbon ("Shiju-hosho" in Japanese) for his outstanding contribution to the atmospheric science through atmospheric-radar development and studies. The Medal with Purple Ribbon is the medal for individuals who have contributed to academic and/or artistic developments, improvements and accomplishments.

Associate Professor Hiroyuki Hashiguchi was awarded the Horiuchi Prize by the Meteorological Society of Japan

On 20 November 2008, Associate Professor Hiroyuki Hashiguchi was awarded the Horiuchi Prize for his outstanding contribution to the development of Lower Troposphere Radar (LTR) and its application to observational studies of the atmosphere. The Horiuchi Prize is a prize for individuals who have contributed to development of meteorology or improvement of meteorological techniques through their investigations, studies or writing on boundary, adjoining, or unexplored fields of meteorology.

Mr. Hajime Fukuhara was awarded the British Interplanetary Society Award at the 59th International Astronautical Congress

Mr. Hajime Fukuhara (Graduate School of Engineering) was awarded the British Interplanetary Society Award (Best Student Paper Award) for his paper titled "System Design of One-Chip Wave Particle Interaction Analyzer for Future Space Plasma Observations" at the 59th International Astronautical Congress held in Glasgow, UK, October 2008.

Professor Kozo Hashimoto received IEICE fellow award for his contribution to the study on natural waves emitted from Earth and promotion of research on Solar Power Satellites

Professor Hashimoto contributed to establish IEICE (Institute of Electronics, Information and Communication Engineers of Japan) Technical Committee on Solar Power Satellite/Station (SPS) and served as its secretary and chairperson. He made a big contribution on the SPS whitepaper of the International Union of Radio Science (URSI) as an editor and author.

He obtained the results which solve international disputes on the propagation modes of natural electromagnetic waves of 100-kHz band which comes out of the auroral plasma of the earth by conducting ray tracings of the electric wave. He and his colleagues discovered electromagnetic waves which come out of equatorial plasma in a similar frequency band and the waves are later observed by various satellites. He contributed to the research on the electric wave which comes out from terrestrial plasma through these studies. Moreover, he had been involved with many wave observation instruments from their hardware design phase.

Professor emeritus Hiroshi Matsumoto was awarded the Booker Gold Medal at the XXIXth URSI General Assembly

On 10 August 2008, Professor emeritus Hiroshi Matsumoto (Former Director of RISH and Current President of Kyoto University) was awarded the Booker Gold Medal for his outstanding contributions to the understanding of nonlinear plasma wave processes, promotion of computer simulations in space plasma physics, and international leadership in plasma wave research at the XXIXth URSI (International Union of

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Radio Science) General Assembly. The Booker Gold Medal, which honors the memory of Professor Henry G. Booker who served as URSI Vice President from 1969 to 1975 and Honorary President until his death in 1988, is awarded for outstanding contributions to telecommunications or a related discipline of direct interest to URSI.

Assistant Professor Tomohiko Mitani was awarded the 2008 URSI Young Scientists at the XXIXth URSI General Assembly

On 10 August 2008, Assistant Professor Tomohiko Mitani was awarded the 2008 URSI (International Union of Radio Science) Young Scientists for his paper titled “A Fundamental Study on Spectral Purity of a CW Magnetron for Microwave Power Transmission” at the XXIXth URSI General Assembly.